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OFFICIAL REPORTS OF SOCIETIES

IN CHARGE OF
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[We must ask contributors to this department to make their reports as concise as possible, omitting all mention of regular routine business, and stating such facts as are of special interest to absent members or to the profession at large. The JOURNAL has already increased its regular reading pages from sixty-four to eighty, and it must keep within these limits. In order to do this all of the departments are being condensed to make room for our constantly increasing items of interest.—Ed.]

THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF TRAINING-SCHOOLS FOR NURSES

THE Tenth Annual Convention of the American Society of Superintendents of Training-Schools was held at Pittsburg, Pa., October 7, 8, and 9. Owing to the excellent management of the Committee on Arrangements, the meetings of the convention were held in the Hotel Schenley, which was also the head-quarters of the members of the society. While the attendance was not large, the meetings were characterized by an unusual degree of enthusiasm. The papers were excellent, the discussions energetic, and at the close of the sessions it was generally agreed that the meetings had been exceedingly interesting and profitable as well. Owing to the very generous—and, in fact, lavish—hospitality extended to the society by the people of Pittsburg, it became necessary to encroach somewhat upon the time set apart for meetings, and the sessions were appointed for an earlier hour than usual.

The first session was called to order at nine-thirty A.M., the president, Miss Giles, in the chair.

The opening prayer was followed by brief addresses of welcome from the Rev. Maitland Alexander, president of the Board of Trustees of the South Side Hospital, and by Dr. J. H. McClelland, chief physician of the Homœopathic Hospital.

Graceful responses to these addresses were made by Miss M. Agnes Snively, superintendent of nurses, Toronto General Hospital, Canada, and Miss Anna Maxwell, the Presbyterian Hospital, New York. The Report of the Council followed, making the encouraging statement that there were twenty-three new candidates for admission to the society.

Letters of resignation were read and accepted from Miss A. I. Robinson, Galt Hospital, Galt, Canada, and Miss Sadie Young, Orchard Lake, Mich.

Letters of regret were read from some of the older members, notably Miss Linda Richards, Worcester Insane Hospital, and Miss Lucetta Gross, Buffalo General Hospital, and letters of greeting followed. Among them was the very interesting letter from the students of Hospital Economics at Teachers College, which we have pleasure in reproducing:

“TEACHERS COLLEGE, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK.

“Miss M. A. Nutting, Secretary Society of Superintendents.

“DEAR MISS NUTTING: We, the present Class in Hospital Economics, Teachers College, wish to extend greetings to the American Society of Superin-

tendents of Training-Schools for Nurses, and beg to acknowledge our indebtedness to that society for the splendid opportunities given us for this advanced work.

"We feel it a great privilege to be a part, however small, of this great university, and to be able to spend a year in this beautiful spot.

"We trust that our work may fully express our appreciation of the course, and of our interested and efficient instructor, Miss Alline.

"MARIE STOTZ, Secretary."

Letters were read from the president of the St. Louis Exposition, from the Mayor of the city, and various other important officials, inviting the society to hold its next annual convention in St. Louis during the Fair in 1904.

The treasurer's report showed not only an empty treasury, but a deficit, caused in part by the great expense of publishing the "Transactions of the Buffalo Congress," for which the society had never been reimbursed.

The report of the Publication Committee called attention to the fact that these "Transactions," which the society had partly paid for, were still unsold, and asked the consideration of the members of means of meeting this difficulty and consequent financial deficit.

In the address of the president the society was reminded of its useful efforts in the past and their far-reaching results. The president urged the society to enter upon the work of the session with a full realization of its importance and of the truly great questions which are requiring consideration and which it may be the Society's high privilege to help in solving, saying in conclusion that "we do not need to wish for tasks equal to our powers, but for powers equal to our tasks."

The reading of papers followed. The first subject was the "Teaching of Current Events," and the intention was to have a symposium of three brief papers on this subject, with the hope that each would present a different point of view, but at a late hour a member who had undertaken to prepare one of these papers was obliged through illness to withdraw.

The two remaining papers, the first by Miss Jane Delano, Bellevue Hospital, New York, the second by Miss Jennie Cottle, Minnequa Hospital, Pueblo, Col., presented somewhat the same point of view, and paved the way for a spirited discussion in which the conclusion was reached that the study of current events, whether in the form of regular classes, lectures, or informal talks, should find its way into schools of nursing. The first day's session closed with a paper on the "Modern Hospital and Nurse," by Miss Alice Griswold, of New York. The session adjourned to repair immediately to another floor of the hotel, there to partake of a very delightful luncheon given to the society by the three Alumnae Associations of the Allegheny General, the Western Pennsylvania, and the South Side Hospitals.

The second day opened with the election of new members, whose names follow:

Miss Katherine Brown, graduate of Presbyterian Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.; superintendent of nurses, Hospital for Children, San Francisco, Cal.

Miss May H. Bennett, of the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital, Philadelphia; assistant superintendent of nurses, Minnequa Hospital, Pueblo, Col.

Miss Carolyn Van Blarcom, of Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore; assistant superintendent of the same school.

- Miss Annie A. Chesley, of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore; in charge of St. Luke's Hospital, Ottawa, Can.
- Miss D. Jeannette Copeland, of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore; in charge of the York Hospital, York, Pa.
- Miss Grace Ellsworth, of the University of Michigan Training-School for Nurses; superintendent of nurses, Wesley Hospital, Chicago, Ill.
- Miss Susan J. Fisher, of Connecticut Training-School for Nurses; superintendent of nurses, Butterworth Hospital, Grand Rapids, Mich.
- Miss Olive Fisher, of Philadelphia Hospital Training-School for Nurses; superintendent of nurses, Cincinnati Hospital.
- Mrs. Harriet C. Humphrey, of Hartford Hospital; in charge of Litchfield County Hospital of Winchester.
- Miss Anne C. Jammé, of Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore; superintendent of nurses, New England Hospital, Boston.
- Miss Elsie Mildred Lawler, of Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore; assistant superintendent of same school.
- Miss Hannah Pauline Morris, of Boston City Hospital; superintendent of nurses, McKeesport Hospital, Pa.
- Miss Christine MacLennan, of St. Luke's Training-School, Chicago; superintendent of nurses, Lakeview Hospital, Danville, Ill.
- Miss Clara D. Noyes, of Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore; in charge of St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford, Mass.
- Miss Minna Russell, of Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal; assistant superintendent of nurses, Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland, O.
- Miss Anna H. Ross, of Philadelphia Polyclinic; in charge of Carlton County Hospital.
- Miss Agnes D. Randolph, of Virginia Hospital, Richmond; superintendent of nurses, same hospital.
- Miss Harriet A. Sutherland, of Rhode Island Hospital, Providence, R. I.; in charge of St. Luke's Hospital, Utica, N. Y.
- Miss Annie L. Sutherland, of General Hospital, Toronto, Ont.; assistant superintendent of nurses, Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland.
- Miss Annie M. Shields, of Presbyterian Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.; superintendent of nurses of Methodist Episcopal Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Mrs. Charlotte S. Taylor, of Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland; assistant superintendent of same school.
- Miss Maude P. Vaughan, of the Newport Hospital; superintendent of nurses, Germantown Hospital.
- Miss Mary J. Weir, of Western Pennsylvania Hospital; superintendent of nurses, South Side Hospital, Pittsburg, Pa.

The report on the course in Hospital Economics at Teachers College, New York, was then presented. This in brief showed a marked increase in the number of candidates, a continuous growth and development of the work in its various aspects, and a growing recognition by the public of its value as indicated by the numerous applications for those graduating from this course to fill hospital positions. The chairman of the Advisory Committee, Miss Banfield, stated that the work seemed in every way to be progressing satisfactorily except in regard to its finances, and urged the members of the society to further efforts to secure the means for the endowment which would enable the society to continue to carry on this work. It was pointed out that in view of the condition of the treasury

no help could be given to the work from that source at present, and individual interest must therefore be relied upon.

New business consisted in the presentation of a letter from the National Council to the president of the American Federation of Nurses in reference to the representation of that body at the forthcoming International Congress at Berlin in 1904. The state of finances rendering it impossible to consider sending delegates, it was decided that representation could only be secured by appointing to that office some one already in Berlin, or one of those intending to be present under any circumstances.

Miss Nutting then presented a brief statement concerning some recent educational advances, notably those within the last year, which have opened up courses *preparatory to nursing* at the Drexel Institute, Philadelphia, and at the Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y., and have caused similar plans to come up for consideration in other institutions. Attention was called to the increase in the number of instructors appointed and paid to teach special subjects in training-schools, and to a growing tendency to introduce what is called the non-payment system, using the funds thus released for the better housing, instruction, and general welfare of the pupils. The speaker suggested the advisability of the appointment by the council of a small Committee on Education to follow and note all advances and improvements in this direction and to keep the society informed.

The society was then called to consider the recent resignation of Miss L. L. Dock as secretary, who for so many years had so admirably filled that important and difficult position. It seemed impossible to speak too highly of the efficient way in which these honorary duties had always been performed, or to pay too high a tribute to the untiring spirit of devotion to the interests of the society which had helped so largely in its development. It was felt that the society could in no way express its gratitude to Miss Dock for her zealous and unwearying efforts. It desired to place on record its full recognition of the value of these services.

The secretary here read a report from Mrs. Dita H. Kinney, the superintendent of the Army Nurse Corps, presenting in a very interesting manner the changes and achievements of the year, and showing clearly the growing favor in which this very important work is held. The report will appear in full in the proceedings.

The first paper at this session was a description of the new Lying-In Hospital in New York, by Miss C. Louise Burdette. The paper dwelt particularly upon the methods of heating, lighting, and ventilating employed in that institution. At its close some interesting views of the building and interior were passed about among the audience.

The second paper was by Miss Annie W. Goodrich, superintendent of nurses, New York Hospital, on "Some Common Points of Weakness in Hospital Construction." The subject was handled with conspicuous ability, and extended to cover in a measure hospital equipment as well as construction. It was listened to with great attention and followed by a long and earnest discussion. It seemed evident that this matter was one of very large import, to which the society would do well to give further attention.

Miss McKechnie's paper, read by Miss Greenwood, on the "Progress of Legislation" opened up an interesting discussion, and her suggestions later took form in the appointment of a committee to outline for the use of State associa-

tions and others desiring such assistance the society's accepted standards of the minimum requirements for registration, embodying

1. Entrance requirements to schools of nursing, with definite minimum requirements.

2. A definite course of study, with minimum of subjects, time to be devoted to theory and practice, and minimum length of course of training.

The morning session closed and members adjourned by means of specially provided trolleys to the Western Pennsylvania Hospital, where a luncheon was served to the society. After this a demonstration was held in the amphitheatre, which formed one of the most interesting features of the programme. Nursing methods and appliances in use in the New York City Hospital were described by Miss Goodrich, and their uses as far as possible carefully demonstrated, the various electric heating appliances attracting particular attention. Two beautifully made and ingenious swathes, restraining sheets, and waists for irrational patients and an excellent head-bandage were exhibited and their use shown by Miss Hannah Morris, from the Boston City Hospital. The Presbyterian Hospital showed a dainty device for applying an ice-poultice to the throat, appliances of much ingenuity to facilitate the giving of infusions, and other matters, all of which were very attractively demonstrated by Miss Williams, a pupil of the school. The following articles from the Johns Hopkins School were shown and described by Miss Carolyn Van Blarcom, assistant superintendent: a stretcher for lifting patients to and from tubs; an asbestos pipe for giving sweat-baths; an apparatus for supplying steam; extension stockings; tray cover supports, etc. This completed the work of the second session, and proved to be an interesting innovation, which promises to add greatly to the value of future meetings of the society.

The session of the third day began with the election of officers; and following this came a brief informal talk by Miss Palmer on the present status of *THE JOURNAL OF NURSING*, urging the members to further efforts in helping to maintain its value and interest.

The paper on the "Power and Responsibility of the Society in Public Action," by Miss L. L. Dock, was read by the secretary and aroused much interest and discussion. A very direct practical result came in the form of a resolution from the society protesting against the correspondence schools now so freely advertised.

A most excellent and suggestive paper, by Miss Isabel McIsaac, on the "Teaching of Hygiene" now followed, showing how little in our schools and hospitals we conform to many of the laws of hygiene which we teach. It was a matter of great regret that owing to pressure of time the discussion of this paper could not be prolonged.

The programme closed with a carefully prepared talk on "Modern Hospital Construction," given by Mr. Frank Miles Day, of the well-known firm of architects in Philadelphia. Mr. Day's remarks were full of instruction and information of a kind very difficult to obtain, and the society felt that it should be congratulated upon having secured so able a representative of a subject of importance to all of its members. At the close of this address Mr. Day remained for a species of conference, answering freely the many questions presented to him.

A brief recess followed this, and a short memorial notice of Miss Florence Hutcheson, a member of the society, who died during the year, was presented.

It was then announced that the society would hold its next meeting in Washington in January, 1905. The president-elect was introduced, and in a few words welcomed the society to Washington for the next convention, and with the usual resolutions and hearty vote of thanks the meeting adjourned.

Detailed descriptions of the entertainments, which were planned and carried out on a very generous scale, would occupy more space than is afforded us. From the delightful luncheon at the Hotel Schenley, given by the groups of Alumnae Associations before referred to, an entertainment unique in idea and beautiful in expression, to the final reception at the Homeopathic Hospital, given by the trustees and Ladies' Association, there was hardly an hour of any day outside of sessions that was not pleasantly provided for by the forethought and ingenuity of the president and those associated with her in preparing for the convention. The reception on Wednesday night by the Pittsburg Training-School Association was given in the beautiful ball-room of the Hotel Schenley, lavishly decorated for the occasion with palms and plants. An orchestra provided an abundance of music, and the utmost hospitality prevailed.

The banquet on Thursday evening, arranged by some of the hospital superintendents, was a most sumptuous entertainment. A large number of guests was invited, among them a good many medical men. The decorations were beautiful, the menu elaborate, the toasts and responses enlivening, and nothing was omitted which could afford pleasure to those present. Of the visits to Homestead and other interesting places it can only be said that they were intensely interesting to the members, who found in them events long to be remembered. Members of the society carried away with them at the close of the convention memories of three days of good and stirring work, and of much pleasant entertainment and genial hospitality.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President, Miss Georgia M. Nevins, Garfield Hospital, Washington, D. C.

First vice-president, Miss Ida F. Giles, Homeopathic Hospital, Pittsburg, Pa.

Second vice-president, Miss Jennie Cottle, Minnequa Hospital, Pueblo, Col.

Secretary, Miss M. Adelaide Nutting, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore.

Treasurer, Miss Anna L. Alline, Teachers College, Columbia University, N. Y.

Auditor, Miss Mary A. Samuel, Roosevelt Hospital, New York.

Councillors—Miss Sophia F. Palmer, Rochester, N. Y.; Miss Isabel McIsaac, Chicago, Ill.

M. A. NUTTING, Secretary.

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR NURSES—REPORT OF FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

PRESIDIO, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., August 21 to 26, 1903.

While the city was yet gay with banners in honor of the just departed Grand Army of the Republic, the band of Spanish-American War Nurses were welcomed by their comrades, Miss Helene Gottschalk and Miss Amanda Armistead, at the General Hospital of the Presidio, the extensive and well-kept military reservation bordering on the Golden Gate.

Luncheon was at once served, after which the busses of the Quartermaster's Department were brought into requisition and the entire party driven through the Presidio grounds and the Golden Gate Park, where they spent a delightful afternoon. On their return from the drive a tea was served. In the evening many nurses availed themselves of the cordial invitation to attend a reception at

the head-quarters of the Spanish-American War Veterans, who were holding a convention at that time in San Francisco.

The first business session was held in Albion Hall, in Alcazar Building, 120 Farrell Street, from ten A.M. to twelve o'clock, August 22.

The fourth annual meeting was called to order by Miss Amanda J. Armistead, president of Camp Golden Gate, California. After briefly stating the object of the meeting and reporting the unavoidable absence of the president, secretary, and treasurer, nominations for permanent chairman, to be selected from the vice-presidents in attendance, were called for. By unanimous vote Dr. Mary Esser, vice-president, from Camp Liberty Bell, Philadelphia, Pa., was elected. Miss Rebecca Jackson, of the same camp and city, was elected secretary pro tem. In accordance with a resolution adopted at the last annual convention, in Washington, D. C., empowering the president to employ a clerk, Mrs. F. H. Colburn, of San Francisco, was appointed to attend to the clerical details of the meeting.

Upon roll-call the following active members answered to their names: Sarah A. Bauer, Minnie Cooke, Mary E. Esser, Helene M. Gottschalk, Lauretta Hughes, Mary B. Howland, Rebecca Jackson, E. B. Jones, Lena Luda Konkle, Elizabeth McCoy, Edith H. Rutley, Lillian C. Riley, Mrs. Henry C. Smith (formerly Sadie Payne), Rhoda D. Sutcliff, Eva Dora Weber, Isabelle J. Walton, Frances M. West, Eleanor E. Williams, and Agnes C. Young.

The president's address was then read as follows:

"To the Spanish-American War Nurses in their fourth annual meeting assembled I send most cordial and heartfelt greetings. It being, to my most sincere regret, impossible for me to attend the meeting in person, all I can do is to send my love and best wishes, together with a report of what has been done during the past eight months and what plans are on foot for the coming year. Activity has been shown in various directions, and several questions are to be presented for action at this time.

"MONUMENT.

"At the first meeting of the society one of the earliest members presented a plan of hers for the erection in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Va., near Washington, of a monument in memory of the nurses who died in 1898. The idea was approved, and a fund for the purpose was started. Delay was experienced through the failure of the Secretary of War to give his approval, but I have now received assurances, both from the Secretary and from the new Quartermaster-General, that if we so desire we may erect a simple and artistic monument in the centre of the plot in Arlington which has been set aside for army nurses serving in and since the Spanish War. I would call your attention to the fact that as yet (the whole matter having so long been in abeyance) no decision has been reached as to the exact persons it is intended to honor. The original idea was to include the trained nurses, untrained "immunes" (together numbering about seven), Catholic sisters (five), and male contract nurses (number unknown to me) who died in 1898, either while under contract or shortly after annulment of contract and as a result of army service. Hospital corps men, being enlisted, were not included, but all entitled to burial in our plot were included.

"As a matter of fact, not one of the persons above specified was actually buried in Arlington in 1898, nor, indeed, was any plot there then. According to a report this month from the War Department two women and two men are now buried there—viz., Mrs. Anna Campos and Mrs. Isabella B. Bradford, both untrained 'immunes' who served in 1898 but died later (if my memory is correct);

Mr. John H. Greeley and Mr. Samuel J. Fitzgerald. It is evident that our society does not care to erect a monument to the nurses actually buried in Arlington; it is also evident, although many of us hope one day to have the honor of lying in our National Cemetery, that we cannot at this time erect a monument to ourselves. There remains, then, the question, Shall all the contract nurses dying in 1898 be included, or would you limit it to women nurses, whom we could more properly call 'our comrades,' or even to the few trained nurses who gave their lives? I greatly regret that I have not the list at hand, owing to absence from home, but according to my memory *about* five trained nurses died.

"Your Committee on Monument presents a report regarding designs and cost. In a recent interview with Quartermaster-General Humphreys he told me that a simple stone, with inscription, if of graceful outline, costing perhaps less than one thousand dollars, would be acceptable. For this price we could not have bronze tablets or bass-reliefs or elaborate carving, but the general size and dignity of the monument would be the same as proposed by the committee. I owe an apology to the committee for sending this information directly to you, but I chanced to see General Humphreys while he was on a brief vacation, too late to be of service to the committee.

"After you have heard the committee's report, I ask you to vote on the resolution included in it, adopting or rejecting it in toto, or altering it as you see fit. Also that you vote specifically regarding persons whom you intend to honor. If the monument is to be erected, a contract should be made at an early date, and the fund (now amounting to three hundred and forty-one dollars) should be increased to the desired amount.

"FINANCES.

"It is a pleasure to note that our life-membership list includes eighty names. Let me appeal to all members present to send in at once their ten-dollar fee, as it is highly desirable that we have as many life members as possible. This money is not spent, but is invested as a permanent fund, the interest on which may be used for current expenses if necessary or may be otherwise utilized. It is my purpose to recommend to the next meeting of the society such changes in the by-laws as will merge the benefit fund in the permanent fund, so that while not appearing as a benefit society (which is undesirable if we incorporate) we shall yet have some income which can be used for benefit or other desirable objects, as the society may desire. Benefits will be far more needed in the future than at present, and I think we should provide for that future by having our dues all paid up now, and at the same time having a nice little permanent fund invested and bringing in interest. I regret to say that the treasurer has not bought the bonds, as instructed at the last meeting, but presume that will shortly be done. Meantime the money is in a good savings-bank. The present treasurer was not willing to be bonded, so that is also a matter to be taken up by the new officers to be elected at this meeting.

"The treasurer reports a surprising number of delinquents—can we not reach them somehow?

"The list of members, ordered printed in *THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING* on condition that it could be so printed free of charge to the society, did not appear, owing to the large expense entailed, as the *JOURNAL* stated that the society must bear all expense.

"Shall we reprint the list ourselves? Shall we reprint the constitution and by-laws, as the old edition is exhausted?

"NAVY NURSE BILL.

"The original bill providing for trained women nurses in the navy, as prepared by Dr. Boyd, U. S. N., amended by a committee from our society, and introduced in the United States Senate at our request, was referred to the Navy Department and there promptly killed by the opposition of the army to anything so much superior to what the army nurse corps had. We had intended to get the good things for the navy and then promptly ask them for the army too, but that 'was not to be.' The Surgeon-General of the Navy then took the army law as a basis, and after the army representative had made two or three suggestions, referred it to me. I wrote it over several times, each time seeking approval for some point of advantage, and when at last it seemed the best that could be obtained it was reintroduced in the Senate (at my request) and went before the Secretary of the Navy in the new form.

"The Secretary assured me that he fully appreciated the advantage of having trained nurses, but he finally disapproved the bill and asked for one merely giving authority for employment of nurses at army rates under regulations for any Secretary to make or change. This, of course, no one else wanted, and so the matter rests till the next Congress convenes. I have received encouragement from both houses of Congress, but, unfortunately, it is exceedingly difficult to secure passage of such a bill over the Secretary's disapproval. I hope he may be persuaded to change his mind! If he does, we are sure of success—if not, it is doubtful. Time does not permit giving in detail the sections of the bill, but it appeared in the JOURNAL, and my reports of progress, as your committee, were both in that magazine and in the *Trained Nurse*.

"FUTURE MEETINGS.

"The Spanish War Veterans have invited us to attend the social features of their next annual encampment at New Haven, Conn., September 28, 29, and 30. I expect to be present, and so do quite a number of our members. I suggest that your next president immediately appoint a committee to confer with the Veterans at this encampment regarding some form of alliance as suggested by officers of the Veterans, and would suggest that a mutual recognition of each other's existence and good-will would be entirely appropriate and helpful. A resolution may be passed by you now if desired, or the matter may wait till next year.

"Arrangements have already been made for our next meeting in St. Louis, and the hall for a meeting-place has been kindly offered us by the Board of Lady Managers. The Exposition authorities have voted us special recognition in giving us a day, September 10, 1904, in conjunction with the Spanish War Veterans. Miss Robins fortunately secured this recognition for us, and our meeting should be held just before or after that date. The Veterans will meet there at the same time. I ask for a vote of approval of these plans.

[Note.—See report of New Haven gathering for change of date to end of September.—A. N. M.]

"HISTORY.

"I beg to lay before you a plan for work which I believe our society peculiarly fitted to perform. I propose that we combine to 'write a picture' of 'Nursing in the Spanish War,' such as will give a vivid account of all sides of your lives with the army. Each hospital should have a committee to see that

it is properly presented, and that all sides—work, pathos, humor—are shown. I shall, if you will help me with this field part, prepare the full record of the administrative work and statistics. Whether this shall form the whole book, or whether I shall write also chapters on related historical subjects, will be a question that must be decided later. After the book is well under way its exact contents, in addition to the Spanish War part, must be determined. The same is true of the question of whether I shall personally publish the book or whether the society will undertake it. I have been in correspondence with well-known publishers and shall be guided by their judgment. Probably it should have a subscription list among our members, for as the life of the nurse in the Spanish War is to be the central idea, all will want it. Let us do the work this year and be ready with a report for further instructions at the St. Louis meeting. Will you join me in it?

"And now *au revoir*! I hope your next president will enjoy her office and her close association with our brave army nurses as much as I have done! Wherever you go, God bless you!

"ANITA NEWCOMB MCGEE."

Greetings were read from Margaret J. MacPherson, Camp Hope, Providence, R. I.; Chas. R. Greenleaf, Redondo Beach, Cal.; Lela Wilson, Jamaica Plains, Mass.; Theresa Erickson, Santa Fé Hospital, Albuquerque, N. M.; Alice P. Lyon, Camp Roosevelt, New York City. Upon motion of Miss Gottschalk, seconded by Miss Armistead, the greetings were accepted and placed on file.

Reports were read from Camp Roger Wolcott, Boston, Mass.; Camp Liberty Bell, Philadelphia, Pa.; Camp Roosevelt, New York City, and from Camp Golden Gate, San Francisco, Cal. Upon motion of Miss Walton, seconded by Miss Gottschalk, the reports were received and placed on file. No reports were at hand from Camp Anita Newcomb McGee, Washington, D. C., or Camp Hope, Providence, R. I.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting.

The report of the corresponding secretary was then read, as follows:

"It is but eight months since our memorable meeting in Washington, D. C., and there is but little for your corresponding secretary to report. One member has died, one has entered a convent, and eleven marriages have been reported. It has been a source of much gratification that so many members have been careful about sending changes of address. Never before has so much care been exercised in this regard, and it is fully appreciated. It seems strange that at this late date any member should not know that the life membership is ten dollars, and not eight dollars. If members would only read carefully the printed reports and the circulars sent them, they would save much of their own time, as well as that of others. The idea of the local organization, the "Camp," certainly was a happy one. Six camps are now flourishing in as many cities; they are of the greatest service in keeping members in closer touch, hunting up those who have been lost, and in bringing forward candidates for membership. One camp has sent to the corresponding secretary a report of each meeting, a courtesy much appreciated. It is earnestly hoped that Chicago, Brooklyn, St. Louis, and Manila may follow the example of San Francisco, Washington, Providence, Philadelphia, Boston, and New York. We have now five hundred and seventy members, of whom eighty are life members.

" OBITUARY.

"Death has claimed but one of our members since our last meeting. Mrs. Pusy Wollaston, Elizabeth N. Hallowell before her marriage, died of pneumonia on February 23 at her home in New Garden, Pa. Mrs. Wollaston joined the Spanish-American War Nurses in the spring of 1900; she was a graduate of the Philadelphia Lying-In and Surgical Hospital, graduated in 1889. She served in the Second Division Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla., also in the hospital at Camp Cuba Libre. She was in the army from October 23 to November 24. She attended our first meeting in New York, but not since. One of the Spanish-American War Nurses writes thus: 'I was present at her burial and asked the privilege of pinning on her a Spanish-American War Nurse badge, which was granted.'

"HARRIET CAMP LOUNSBERY, Corresponding Secretary."

After the acceptance of this report, that of the treasurer (Mrs. Lounsbery) and the auditor's certificate of a bookkeeper of Charleston, W. Va., were read. [Note.—The treasurer's books are to be audited by a committee of the society before the bonding. When this is done report will be published.—A. N. M.]

A very full and complete report from the Monument Committee was read, relating especially to designs proposed by sculptors and by Tiffany & Company, and costing at least three thousand dollars. Upon motion it was received and placed on file, with the request that the chair appoint a committee of three to report upon the following resolution contained in the report:

"*Resolved*, That the society proceed as soon as possible to the erection of the proposed monument to deceased army nurses in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia, and that to this end the monument fund be increased to at least three thousand dollars; that a committee be elected to select a sculptor who shall make a design satisfactory to the committee and to the Secretary of War, and with whom a contract for erection of the monument shall be made."

Report signed by Esther V. Hasson, chairman, and Susie F. Saunders, Monument Committee.

The chair named Miss Armistead, Miss Walton, and Miss Rutley as the special committee.

At twelve-thirty o'clock the meeting adjourned to meet Monday, August 24, at ten A.M.

At two P.M. the visitors were tendered a trolley ride on the commodious car "Atlanta" by the nurses stationed at the General Hospital at Presidio and the members of Camp Golden Gate jointly. The ride included the Cliff House, Golden Gate Park, Mission Dolores, and other points of interest.

In the evening a reception was tendered the nurses at the Sorosis Club House, 1620 California Street. Major Kendall, commanding officer of the General Hospital, Presidio, made an appreciative and happy address of welcome. Golden Gate Camp was assisted in receiving by a number of officers and their wives, and during the evening some excellent music was rendered. Felicitous remarks were made by the British Vice-Consul, Courtenay W. Bennett, who found much to praise in the humane work of the trained nurses of the British and American armies. Colonel Kilburne, Chief Surgeon of the Department of California, told some good stories about the nurses serving under him during the war with Spain. He managed to make his reminiscences very favorable to the nurses, even

when his auditors laughed at the situations depicted. During the evening dainty refreshments were served and those in uniforms made themselves useful in looking after the comfort and pleasure of the invited guests and visitors.

On Sunday afternoon, from four to six o'clock, an informal reception was tendered the Spanish-American War Nurses by the Nurses' Settlement at 420 Tehama Street, San Francisco. The visitors made a thorough inspection of the work done here and expressed themselves much pleased with the results. This settlement is making a brave effort in the face of many obstacles to do effective work among the poorer classes, and is quite in accord with the Hull House plans being tried here and in other large cities.

On Monday morning, August 24, the second business session was called to order at Albion Hall, Dr. Mary Esser, vice-president, in the chair. Miss Rebecca Jackson, of Camp Liberty Bell, Philadelphia, acted as secretary pro tem. Upon roll-call twenty-one members were found to be present.

By unanimous vote five candidates were elected to active membership—viz., Elizabeth Hogan, Elizabeth Xander, Kate M. Walsh, Eleanor B. Nicholson, and Margaret McDonald.

The next order of business was the election and nomination of officers for the ensuing year. Miss Eva Dora Weber, of Golden Gate Camp, nominated Dr. Anita McGee for president. Half a dozen delegates seconded the nomination, and upon motion the nominations were closed and the secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot. While this was being done the assembled nurses stood in honor of the signal service already rendered by Dr. McGee.

Out of seventeen nominations for vice-president the following received the highest number of votes and were declared duly elected for the ensuing year: Mary E. Esser, Amanda J. Armistead, Annie A. Robbins, Isabelle J. Walton, Isabel E. Cowan, Helene M. Gottschalk, Esther V. Hasson, Elizabeth Stack, Frances M. West, and Sarah Whelpton.

Miss Lela Wilson and Mrs. Harriet Camp Lounsbery were unanimously reelected respectively recording secretary and treasurer.

At twelve-thirty a recess was taken until two P.M.

Afternoon Session, 2 P.M.

Miss Rebecca Jackson having left the city, the chair appointed Miss Amanda J. Armistead to act as secretary pro tem.

The president's address was taken up for discussion of its topics seriatim. The report of Miss Armistead, chairman of the Special Committee on Monument, was verbal and recommended a general discussion by all those present. After discussion a vote was finally passed to postpone definite action until the next annual meeting.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the bonding of the treasurer be referred to the Executive Committee with power to act. [Note.—Treasurer reported to Executive Committee at New Haven, September 30, that bonding would be attended to promptly as soon as Auditing Committee work was done.—
SECRETARY.]

It was moved and carried that delinquent members be notified by the treasurer of the amount of their arrears through the medium of first-class mail postage, as second-class matter is not forwarded, and again asked to pay their dues.

It was moved and carried that the constitution and by-laws be printed and mailed to each member under first-class postage, that the booklet contain a revised list of members to date, that each member be asked to remit ten cents to cover expense of same, and that the president and corresponding secretary be empowered to do the necessary work.

It was moved and carried that special attention be called by the corresponding secretary in her circular to delinquents to the fact that the dues date from joining the Spanish-American War Nurses, and that a fee of ten dollars additional makes them life members.

It was moved and carried that Dr. McGee be empowered to designate the hospitals and appoint the necessary committees to collect the data needed for the preliminary work of compiling a complete history of the nurses' work in the Spanish-American War, with instructions to report at the next annual meeting, at St. Louis in 1904. At first there was some misapprehension on the part of the nurses as to what was requested of them individually when the report of the president was read asking for data for a complete history of the nurses' work in the Spanish-American War, each one seeming to feel that it was a stupendous undertaking, but when Miss Walton explained that it was just a "reminiscence meeting" written out in full, promises of written accounts of actual field work were readily given. A general reminiscence meeting at St. Louis was asked for by all, and the president is respectfully requested to arrange for it.

By a unanimous vote Miss Irene Sutcliffe, of South Norwalk, Conn., was made an honorary member. Several nominations for honorary members were made, and, as usual, laid over until next meeting. Letters of greeting and acceptances of honorary membership were received and placed on file from the following: General George M. Sternberg, Mrs. Bell M. Draper, Miss Ella Loraine Dorsey, Miss Mary Desha, Mrs. Royal M. Gage, Mrs. M. Antoinette Gilston, Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, Miss Mary Wadley, Mrs. Ella Hardin Wallworth, Miss Lucy L. Wheeler, Miss Julia K. Wheeler, and Miss Carrie P. Wheeler.

Hearty votes of thanks were given to the various individuals and societies entertaining or showing other courtesies to the nurses.

The fourth annual meeting then adjourned *sine die*.

An entertainment which was appreciated in the highest degree was that given by the Pacific Coast Graduated Nurses' Club on Tuesday evening, August 25. This newly formed organization took the war nurses for a trip through Chinatown, including boxes at the Chinese theatre and tea and cakes at a Chinese restaurant.

An additional interest was given to the evening by the fact that the party was escorted by an official guide, Sergeant James P. Chadwick, who is a Spanish War veteran and who had hastened to offer his services to the nurses.

On Wednesday evening, August 26, the Children's Hospital Nurses' Alumnae Association gave the Spanish-American War Nurses a reception in their home. The Board of Managers of the hospital and the medical staff with their wives assisted in receiving. An interesting programme, including music, was given, the hospital was thrown open, and everything combined to make this closing event a memorable evening. The meeting, in spite of the very small attendance, was a noteworthy one from the number and variety of the invitations received and especially the cordial hospitality offered by the army and the San Francisco nurses.

ANITA NEWCOMB MCGEE, President.

LELA WILSON, Recording Secretary.

NOTICE

THE new list of members is being revised in readiness for the publication of the proceedings of the recent convention of the American Society of Superintendents of Training-Schools for Nurses. All members whose addresses have changed since the last date of publication are requested to send the correct address to the secretary without delay.

M. A. NUTTING, Secretary.

SCHOOL NURSES DURING VACATION

THE School Nurses have started their fall work, beginning with the opening of the session September 14. The staff numbers twenty-eight, as formerly, no other appointments having been made except those to fill the vacancies caused by nurses giving up the work.

During the vacation a very important and beneficial work was taken up. A number of the nurses were detailed by the Department of Health to make daily visits to children under one year of age, who were suffering from the various diseases incident to young children during the summer months and who were not receiving any care from other sources. A great deal was done by instructing the mothers in regard to food, bathing, fresh air, etc. Milk and ice tickets were given for distribution and also tickets for the St. John's Guild Floating Hospital.

The results were very satisfactory, considering there was not as much sickness on account of the cool summer.

LINA L. ROGERS.

NEW JERSEY STATE ASSOCIATION

THE second annual meeting of the New Jersey State Nurses' Association will be held at Mercer Hospital, Trenton, N. J., on Tuesday, December 1. A large attendance is desired.

PROGRAMME.

One-thirty P.M., greetings and registration.

Two P.M., call to order.

Prayer by the medical director of the Mercer Hospital.

Address of welcome.

Response by president.

Addresses.

Report of Committee on Arrangements.

Reading of minutes of last meeting.

Secretary's annual report.

Treasurer's annual report.

Reports of standing committees.

Recess of fifteen minutes, during which time members are requested to cast their ballots for new officers. Ballot-box will be found near registering place.

Second Call to Order.

Report of delegates to State Federation of Women's Clubs.

Appointing of Nominating Committee from the floor for next annual election.

Next annual meeting place named.

Report of Nominating Committee on election.

Appointing of chairman of committee by president.

New business.

Adjournment.

THE NEW YORK STATE MEETING

THE New York State Nurses' Association met in the rooms of the League for Political Education, New York City, Tuesday, October 20, Miss Annie Rhodes, the president, in the chair.

At the morning session the roll was called, the minutes read, and the reports received from the Credentials Committee, the treasurer, and the Examining Board. Great pleasure was evinced at the work accomplished in so short a time by the Examining Board.

During the afternoon session Dr. A. T. Bristow, of Brooklyn, gave a very forceful address on the subject of "Registration and What it has Done for the Medical Profession." Then followed an able address by Miss Delano, superintendent of Bellevue Training-School, subject, "Registration for Nurses." The registration blanks, both for the individual and the training-schools, were discussed and, owing to a difference of opinion as to the exact requirements, the association appointed a delegate to visit the Regents' office, Albany, and inquire into the points under discussion.

The delegate was instructed to report the result of this interview to the secretary of the association, who will issue a circular of information on the subject to all individual members and to the secretaries of the organizations connected with the association.

Such information will also be published through our official organ, *THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING*.

The Nominating Committee appointed from the floor to serve with the three trustees is composed of Mr. Sanford, Miss Wilson, and Miss Samuel. This committee was empowered to nominate three members, from whom the association will elect two at the April meeting from whom the Board of Regents will select one to serve on the Board of Nurse Examiners for five years.

A very *recherché* luncheon was given at the Manhattan Hotel by the New York Hospital Training-School Alumnae Association to the officers, the members of the Examining Board, and all delegates present.

The meeting adjourned at four P.M., the next meeting being the annual one at Albany the third Tuesday in April, 1904.

JESSIE MCCALLAM, Secretary,
Post-Graduate Hospital.

NOTICE

THE Publication Committee calls attention to the reduction in price of the "Transactions of the Congress of Nurses at Buffalo" from one dollar and twenty-five cents to one dollar per volume. They may be obtained by applying to Miss Tamar E. Healy, 160 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., or to Miss Anna L. Alline, 402 West One-Hundred-and-Twenty-fourth Street, New York City.

M. A. NUTTING, Chairman.

THE trained nurses of Minnesota are forming a State organization to secure registration. At a recent meeting of the Ramsey County Association the following officers were elected: President, Mary Woods; vice-president, Maud Worthington; secretary, Helen Swanson; treasurer, Grace Holms.

REGULAR MEETINGS

DANBURY, CONN.—The regular meeting of the Graduate Nurses' Association of the Danbury Hospital was held at the office of Dr. Annie K. Bailey. After the usual formalities were disposed of the first business in order was the reading of a letter from Miss Linda Richards, "The Pioneer Nurse of America," which is esteemed of much value by the association. This was followed by consideration of the closing song for the association, written by Miss Marion Thornton, of Danbury, which beautifully expresses in a very complete manner the standard of the association. The address of welcome to the new graduates was admirably given by Miss Lulu Comstock. Miss Emma Corbin was no less practical in her presentation of the constitution and by-laws of the association. Miss Margaret Elligott in her response for the Class of 1903 did credit to her class. A short talk was given by the special presiding officer of the association on "Larger Fields of Usefulness for the Trained Nurses," which consisted largely of suggestions advanced by the last International Congress of Nurses; this included, first, the trained nurse in connection with the Board of Health as sanitary inspectors, being so successfully carried out in large cities; second, district or visiting nurses in connection with organized charities. Physicians are staunch supporters of this field of work, especially in England and Germany; third, the trained nurse in connection with the School Board. This feature of work is considered ideal and complete when the physician and nurse work together in school inspection, the nurse, being able to recognize symptoms, reports to the doctor, and thus contagious diseases are much curtailed. A report on this branch of the work says, "The visits of a nurse in a large infants' school have proved most beneficial to the health of the children, so much so it could be wished that the School Board might make such visits universal in their schools in poor localities." Another writer adds, "The public generally have not fully realized the very rapid progress which nursing is passing through in order to keep pace with the demands made upon it by scientific medicine and surgery." The unique work of Florence Nightingale is pronounced the heritage of humanity in that she laid down the laws and principles of nursing on a scientific basis, and that nurses of all nations owe her an inestimable debt. The remarks from friends present were encouraging and inspiring. It was voted that Miss Linda Richards's letter be put upon the permanent records. It was voted that the words of the closing song by Miss Marion Thornton and the tune, "Boylston," be put upon the permanent records. It was voted that the names of Miss Lulu Comstock, Miss Emma Corbin, and Miss Margaret Elligott be placed upon the permanent records in connection with their respective parts. It was voted that the October meeting, which occurs on Sunday, be held at the hospital, and that the special presiding officer arrange the programme for the service. A rising vote of thanks was given to express the pleasure of the association at the presence of friends. The meeting adjourned at four o'clock.

On Tuesday evening, September 29, the Alumnae Association of the Connecticut Training-School for Nurses had the honor of entertaining the Spanish-American War Nurses at the Nurses' Home, Howard Avenue, New Haven, Conn. Among the war nurses present were Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee, Dr. Laura A. C. Hughes, Miss Lela Wilson, Miss Esther V. Hasson, Miss C. D. Pilgare, Miss Anna D. Schaffer, Miss Rebecca Jackson, Miss L. M. Goodell, Miss M. J. Kennedy,

Miss A. E. Kimper, Miss A. Mackreth, Miss Laura Pearrine, Miss H. M. Wooddell, Miss J. E. Bird, Miss E. Suckley, Miss McHugh, Mrs. K. W. Eastman, Miss Sara R. Langstrom, Miss Susie Saunders, Miss Amy Todd, Miss Grace Merritt, Miss Alice Matthews, Miss Johanna Schmidt, Miss G. Davies, Miss M. Hazlett, Miss E. Tuttle, Miss MacPherson, Miss B. Ross, Miss E. Fleming, Miss S. E. Newell, Miss S. A. Groves, Miss H. Kelley, Miss St. John, Miss Rose M. Heavren.

The alumnae members were assisted in receiving by Miss Emma L. Stowe, superintendent of nurses at the New Haven Hospital, and by Mrs. Charles B. Richards, Mrs. Wm. G. Mister, Mrs. Francis Bacon, and Miss Emily E. Betts, members of the Executive Committee of the Connecticut Training-School.

Miss Albaugh, superintendent of nurses at Grace Hospital, New Haven, was present with eight nurses.

Many graduates not members of the Alumnae Association attended. Light refreshments were served. All present spent a very enjoyable evening.

NEW YORK.—A meeting of Camp Roosevelt was held at 155 East Eighty-third Street, New York, on October 5, at three P.M., with upward of fifteen members present, Miss Susie Saunders (captain) in the chair. A report was given in such glowing terms of the New Haven meeting that those present who had been unable to attend that auspicious event felt that they had missed a very great pleasure. It was voted to send a letter of thanks to Adjutant Dyer, of Washington, from the camp expressing our gratitude to the Spanish War Veterans for the splendid manner in which they entertained us at their "encampment." It was also decided to send to our president, Dr. McGee, a vote of thanks for all she had done to promote our pleasure and happiness in New Haven, and to express to her the honor we felt at having her as the guest of Camp Roosevelt at the luncheon of the Spanish War Nurses. Before the close of the meeting refreshments were served by Miss Haltern in her usual hospitable manner. Camp Roosevelt will meet again on Monday, November 2, at three P.M., at 155 East Eighty-third Street. All members are urgently requested to attend, as several important matters are to be brought up for discussion.

BOSTON.—The first monthly meeting of the New England Hospital Alumnae Association was held on Saturday afternoon, October 10, at three P.M. in the reading-room of the Nurses' Club-House. In the absence of Miss Hodgins, the president, Mrs. Mary C. Hall, first vice-president, presided. There were fourteen members present. The business on hand was discussed, reports were read from the delegates, and a paper on smallpox was read by Miss Beatty. The paper was written by Miss L. Furber, a graduate of the Training-School, and now assistant superintendent at the West Pennsylvania Hospital, Pittsburg. Many thanks are due to Miss Furber for expending so much time in gathering statistics for the paper. The registry has been removed from the hospital to the Club-House, where nurses will be furnished at any hour of the day or night. The meeting adjourned at four-fifteen P.M. The members enjoyed a pleasant chat and cup of tea, after which they spent some time overlooking the house. The meeting of the stockholders was called to order by the president, Miss A. C. Jammé, at four forty-five P.M. At seven P.M. all sat down to a typical Saturday New England supper (pork and beans).

ORANGE, N. J.—The annual meeting of the Alumnae Association of the Orange Training-School for Nurses was held October 14, 1903, at 449 Main Street, and was well attended. Our delegate to the National Alumnae Association, Miss Cora Hollister, was unavoidably absent, and much disappointment was felt that no report had been sent. We learned with regret that one of our members, Miss Charlotte Layton, was in the Orange Memorial Hospital suffering from an attack of typhoid fever. It was voted that a letter of sympathy be sent to her with flowers. A Reception Committee was appointed to make arrangements for an informal tea to be given to the graduating Class of 1903 in November. Officers for the coming year were then elected as follows: President, Miss Margaret Anderson; first vice-president, Miss J. M. Houlden; second vice-president, Miss M. L. Wehrly; treasurer, Miss Margaret Squire; secretary, Miss Anna Greatsinger, after which a vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring officers and the meeting adjourned to enjoy refreshments and a social hour.

PHOENIXVILLE, PA.—The first meeting of Phoenixville and Chester County Nurses was held in Phoenixville Hospital on September 25, 1903, at two o'clock, for the purpose of furthering State registration and for raising the standard of the nursing profession. Miss Constance Curtis, superintendent of the Phoenixville Hospital, was elected president and also elected delegate to the Nurses' State Convention, held in Pittsburg, October 5 and 6. The second meeting was held in the Chester County Hospital, West Chester, Pa., on October 15, at two o'clock, at which it was decided that the organization should be known as the Chester County Nurses' Association. The minutes of the last meeting were read, after which Miss Curtis gave us a very interesting report of the State Convention held in Pittsburg. A special meeting will be held on the first Thursday in February in the Chester County Hospital. It was decided to date the fiscal year of the association from the first Thursday in September.

PHILADELPHIA.—The regular meeting of the Nurses' Alumnae Association of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital of Philadelphia was held in the hospital chapel on September 24, with the president, Miss Townshend, in the chair. Fifteen members responded to roll-call. After the regular business the members were informed that the new alumnae pins were on hand. A committee was appointed to revise the constitution and by-laws. Misses Edith Wetherill and Ella Sauer were appointed delegates to the State Association meeting to be held in Pittsburg. Miss L. Kurath, delegate to the convention in Boston, read a report of that meeting. It was decided that each member be presented with a report of the convention. A very interesting letter was read from Miss M. Cooke, who is in the Buena Vista Sanatorium, San Francisco, Cal.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—The regular monthly meeting of the Brooklyn Hospital Alumnae Association was held at the Training-School on Tuesday, October 6, at three-thirty P.M., the president, Miss Van Ingen, in the chair. There were fifteen members present. The chairman of the Sick Committee reported one application for sick benefit. A motion was made and carried that a committee be appointed by the president to meet and make final arrangements for the fair, the proceeds of which go to the endowment fund. On account of the small attendance it was decided to reserve the delegates' report of the June Convention in Boston until the next meeting, when a fuller membership will be represented. The meeting then adjourned for refreshments and social intercourse.

ST. CATHARINES, ONT.—The Alumnae Association of Mack Training-School for Nurses held its third annual meeting at Nurses' Home September 7, 1903. The annual reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and approved. Fifteen members were present. Several letters were received from absent members. The most important business was the election of officers for the ensuing year: President, Miss I. Gould; vice-president, Mrs. Parnell; second vice-president, Miss Marriott; secretary-treasurer, M. B. Smith. An association pin was adopted. After the meeting adjourned the nurses were entertained at luncheon. A vote of thanks was tendered to Miss Hollingworth, superintendent, for the hospitality shown to the graduates.

NEW YORK.—The first regular meeting after the vacation—since June—of the New York Hospital Alumnae Association was held on October 14. There was quite a large attendance, and much interest was manifested in the proceedings. The resignation of the secretary, Miss A. L. MacDonnell, was accepted very regretfully. We are sorry to lose such an efficient officer. Misses Adaline Henderson and Anna B. Duncan were appointed delegates to the meeting of the State Association on the 20th. Miss Ada B. Stewart was appointed a delegate to the meeting of the State Federation of Women's Clubs at Utica, N. Y., in November. We were made happy by the presence of Miss Irene Sutcliffe, for the first time in about two years.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—The regular quarterly meeting of the Graduate Nurses' Association, County of Kings, N. Y., was held October 1, 1903. Notwithstanding the absence of many of the members from the city, the meeting was well attended. Much interest was manifested by those present in the report of the Literary Committee, the chairman, Miss M. O'Neill, reporting that a course of lectures for the coming season on special and general topics was being prepared. The report was accepted. It was voted by the members present that the lectures be given, the subjects and dates for the course to be arranged by the committee and announced at the next regular meeting of the society.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—The regular monthly meeting of the Alumnae of the University Hospital was held in the Nurses' Home on October 5, the president, Miss Rudden, in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The regular secretary, Miss Casey, has not yet returned from abroad. The treasurer being still absent on her summer's outing, there was no report. Chairman, Miss A. E. Brobson, of State Association, at meeting in Pittsburg, with Miss Lasater as delegate. Eight members responded to roll-call. Six names were proposed for membership. Very animated discussions on various topics followed, after which the meeting adjourned.

EL PASO, TEX.—The nurses of Providence Hospital, El Paso, Tex., assisted by their friends, gave an entertainment last Wednesday evening, September 13, the proceeds of which they will donate to the furnishing of the operating-room. It was a decided success, both socially and financially, and pleased an audience of over one hundred people. The large male ward looked very attractive decorated with palms and potted plants, and festoons of blue and white ribbon, the class colors, hung from the ceiling, the gas-jets, and every available spot. The nurses displayed more than ordinary talent in the comedies. The sum of ninety-five dollars was realized.

UTICA, N. Y.—The regular quarterly meeting of the Alumnae Association of the Faxon Hospital Training-School for Nurses was held in the parlors of the Florence Nightingale Home for Nurses, September 8, at three-thirty o'clock, with the president, Miss Anna O'Neil, in the chair. Miss O'Neil read a very interesting report of the convention in Boston last June, to which she went as delegate. It was decided to have a course of lectures on parliamentary law during the winter, and Miss Symonds and Miss Roberts were appointed a Committee on Arrangements.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—The annual meeting of the Rochester City Hospital Alumnae Association was held at the City Hospital on Tuesday, October 13. There was a good attendance and four new members were elected. Several important matters relating to the directory were discussed and acted upon. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Jean Wilson; first vice-president, Lillie Hambly; second vice-president, Margaret McLaren; recording secretary, M. P. Phelan; corresponding secretary, Mae Connor; treasurer, Emma Knowles.

CLEVELAND, O.—The regular monthly meeting of the Graduate Nurses' Association was held in the Young Men's Christian Association Building on Tuesday, September 29, the president, Miss Brockway, in the chair. The members voted to make a few minor changes in the constitution, also to have it reprinted. Miss Ellis, of Lakeside Hospital, spoke of the need of a central directory for nurses, which led to a lively discussion. This matter was finally placed in the hands of a committee, who will obtain further information and report at the October meeting.

RALEIGH, N. C.—The Graduate Nurses of Raleigh met September 26 in the Lucken Building, and reorganized and adopted a new constitution and by-laws. Hereafter only nurses holding diplomas and having high moral character will be considered eligible for membership. It is hoped this organization will do a great deal to elevate the profession in Raleigh and vicinity. The officers elected were: President, Miss Anna Lee DeVane; vice-president, Miss Birdie Dunn; treasurer, Miss Selma Hayes; secretary, Miss Annie Sturgeon.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—The Alumnae Association of the Long Island College Hospital held its first meeting for the season on Tuesday, October 13, when there was a large attendance. At the close of the routine business a most interesting paper was read by Miss Waters, of the New York Nurses' Settlement, descriptive of its origin, its subsequent progress, and its present successful operation. After this refreshments were served, followed by an hour's pleasant social enjoyment.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—The Alumnae Association of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital resumed work in September. The endowment of a room in the new building for the use of nurses was the main subject of the meeting. It was stated that about fifteen hundred dollars had been raised, but no further steps for raising the fund were taken. At Dr. Kavanagh's request the secretary sent a letter to the Board of Managers containing certain requests, all of which will probably be granted.

WILLIAMSPORT, PA.—The regular monthly meeting of the Alumnæ of the Williamsport Hospital was held September 24, at three P.M., in the Nurses' Home. Miss Pennington, the president, called the meeting to order. Eleven members responded to roll-call. Several new names were proposed for membership. Miss Kunkle read a very interesting paper on "Pneumonia," after which the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held October 29.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—At the annual meeting of the Hennepin County Graduate Nurses' Association the following officers were elected: President, Miss Bertha Erdmann; vice-president, Miss Bertha Johnson; secretary, Mrs. Charlotte Roberts; treasurer, Miss Margaret Kelly. A very interesting lecture course has been prepared for the coming year; also a monthly social meeting has been arranged for.

NEW YORK.—The Class in Hospital Economics has organized and elected Miss Helen M. Kelly president and Miss Maud M. Stotz secretary. The class has fifteen members and every prospect for a bright and profitable year.

BIRTHS

ON June 2, at New Rochelle, N. Y., to Mrs. W. S. Emberson, a daughter. Mrs. Emberson was formerly Miss Gertrude B. Cleveland, a graduate of the Faxon Hospital, Utica, N. Y.

MRS. HUTCHINSON, *née* Jeffrey, a daughter, born in August.

MRS. BROGDEN, *née* Dawes, a daughter, born in August.

MARRIED

IN Rochester, October 14, Miss Nina A. Williams to Dr. Herman C. Merker.

AT St. Mary's, Ontario, Can., September 16, Miss Helen C. Ingersoll to Mr. J. C. Mills. Mrs. Mills is a graduate of St. Luke's, Chicago, 1900.

IN Rochester, October 15, Miss Eleanor A. Underhill to Dr. John E. Snodgrass. Dr. and Mrs. Snodgrass will make their home in Auburn, N. Y.

MISS EDITH MARY BOOTH FISHER was married September 24, in Toronto, to Mr. T. Cockburn Kerr. At home after October 15 in Inglewood, Kennell, N. W. T.

AT Detroit, Mich., September 22, Mrs. Abby Chapman Stoner to Mr. Edward Fox, of Mt. Pleasant, Pa. Mrs. Fox is a graduate of the Class of 1901 of Farrand Training-School, Harper Hospital, Detroit, Mich.

IN New York, September 29, 1903, Miss Kathleen Galvin, graduate of St. Joseph's Hospital Training-School for Nurses, Paterson, to Dr. Andrew F. McBride. Dr. and Mrs. McBride will reside in Paterson, N. J.

IN Le Roy, N. Y., on Wednesday, October 7, Miss Elizabeth Connor to Mr. Thomas Buckley. Mr. and Mrs. Buckley will reside in Le Roy, N. Y. Mrs. Buckley was a graduate from the Rochester City Hospital Training-School.

MISS MINNA E. MILNE, who expected to take a position in the Samaritan Hospital at Dawson City, was married in Calgary, N. W. T., on August 20 to Mr. Winslow E. Worden, of Slocan, B. C. Mr. and Mrs. Worden will be at home in Slocan, B. C., after November 1.

ON September 24, at the Presbyterian Church, University Place, New York City, Miss Amy J. Baker to Dr. Burt Franklin Jenness, United States Navy. Miss Baker was a graduate of the State Hospital, Tewksbury, Mass., and of the General Memorial Hospital, N. Y.

AT Fulton, N. Y., by the Rev. Nelson Reynolds, Cora Elizabeth Sylvester to Mr. Charles W. Douglas. Miss Sylvester was graduated from Auburn City Hospital Training-School (Auburn, N. Y.) in May, 1898. The following year she took a post-graduate course at the Emergency Hospital, Washington, D. C., since which time she has been engaged in private duty. Auburn loses one of its best nurses. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas will be at home after October 15 at Elmira, N. Y.

OBITUARY

AT the Presbyterian Hospital, New York City, Miss Corinne Manning. Interment at her late home, Maiden Rock, Wis. Miss Manning was a graduate of the Massachusetts General Hospital Training-School, Class of 1891.

